

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 15-20 are in this application and are presented for consideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 according to the allowable subject matter noted in the rejection. Specifically, the features of claim 5 have been added to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claim 5. Claim 1 has also been amended to correct an error. Claim 1 now properly states that the cylindrical inner surface of the external sleeve is reduced so that the claim is consistent with the disclosure. Applicant has also canceled claims 8-14. It is Applicant's position that the application is now in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is invited to telephone one of Applicant's representatives at the number listed below should there be any outstanding issues.

Favorable action on the merits is requested.

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